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REMARKS

The Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Ho for the careful review of this application. Claims 18-20 have been rejected. Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 18-20 have been cancelled and Claims 12-17 and 21-31 remain pending in this application.

The independent claims are Claims 12, 21, and 28. Consideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments to the application and in view of the following remarks.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § § 102 and 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,087,989 issued in the name of Song et al. on July 11, 2000 (hereinafter "the Song reference"). The Examiner rejected Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Song reference. The Applicants respectfully offer remarks to traverse these rejections.

The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 18-20 have been cancelled, and therefore, the Examiner's rejections of these claims have been rendered moot. The Applicants submit that they have cancelled these claims in order to advance the prosecution of the remaining, pending claims of the present application.

The Applicants submit that the cancellation of these claims cannot be interpreted that the Applicants agree in any way with the Examiner's arguments. The Applicants have cancelled these claims without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application and pursuing these rejected claims in such an application.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested. Also, an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited from the Examiner.

CONCLUSION


The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2004. The Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Ho for the consideration of these remarks. The Applicants has submitted remarks to traverse the rejections

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of Claims 18-20. The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such Action is hereby courteously solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone conference, or that there are any formalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's Amendment, please contact the undersigned in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area at (404) 572-2884.

Respectfully submitted,


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